

Oakland House,
Victoria Road,
West Hartlepool.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Estimated population of your district - 8,770.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u> <u>16.3</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	73	68	141	
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	
	74	69	143	
Still Births - Legitimate	2	-	2	
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
	2		2	
Infantile Deaths -				
Legitimate	1	2	3	
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
	1	2	3	

DISEASE

	<u>Cases</u> <u>Notified</u>	<u>Cases</u> <u>Removed</u> <u>to Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	9	-	-
Measles	23	-	-
Pneumonia	9	1	3
Pertussis	19	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	63	1	3

Under 1 1-2 2-3 3-4 4-5 5-10 10-15 15-20 20-35 35-45 45-65 Total

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TUBERCULOSIS

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non- Pulmonary</u>		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non- Pulmonary</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-15	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
15-25	-	-	-	-	(age unknown)		-	-
25-35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-65 and Over	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1
Tuberculosis, other	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
Malignant neoplasm stomach	-	1
Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	3	-
Malignant neoplasm breast	-	1
Malignant neoplasm uterus	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	2
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-
Diabetes	2	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	4
Coronary disease, angina	10	4
Hypertension with heart disease	1	3
Other heart disease	6	4
Other circulatory disease	3	1
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	1	2
Bronchitis	4	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	7
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-
	<u>55</u>	<u>35</u>

Death rate 10.3 per 1000

It is interesting to collect and tabulate some statistics of the last three years.

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Estimated population	8,212	8,270	8,774
Births	121	152	143
Diphtheria Immunisation			
(a) Primary	72	65	69
(b) Secondary at age 5+	22	7	19
Infectious diseases notified	125	207	63
New cases of Tuberculosis	4	12	1
Death Rate	10.5	10.5	10.3
Infant Mortality Rate	24.8	33.5	20.9

First we note that the Registrar General estimates a healthy increase in your population. I have previously commented that the improvement in public and private transport, and the shortening of the working week have tended to arrest the decline in population of rural areas. Your enlightened policies of housing, water supply and sewage disposal have contributed in no small manner to the accelerated rate of population increase noted this year.

The small number of Diphtheria immunisations despite intensive publicity gives one cause for alarm. It would appear that only about half of the infant population are being protected from this dread disease and a mere handful are being given a "boosting" inoculation when they reach school age.

Infectious disease notifications have dropped dramatically. This is due to the fact that there has been no measles epidemic during the year. Undoubtedly, in a year or two, when we have another group of children without an acquired immunity, we shall have another epidemic. Fortunately this does not give us so much cause for alarm as formerly. Modern therapy appears to have controlled most effectively the dreaded complication of measles.

Tuberculosis, we note, is gradually disappearing. This is another disease that is being most effectively mastered by modern medicine.

Ambulance Facilities - Complete ambulance facilities for the area for all classes of cases have been provided by the County Council during the year.

Water Supply and Drainage	Closet Accommodation
Public Cleansing	Camping Sites
Eradication of Bed Bugs	Housing

are dealt with by the Sanitary Inspector in his report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

G. S. MATHER

M.B., Ch.B.(Aberd) D.P.H.(Cantab.)

Medical Officer of Health.

STOCKTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER, 1954

To the Chairman and Members of the Stockton Rural District Council.

I have the honour to present my Report for the year ended December, 1954.

(a) WATER SUPPLIES

Water is supplied throughout the district by the Tees Valley Water Board and the Hartlepoons Water Co. and these supplies have been of good quality.

(b) HOUSING

During the year 54 Council houses have been built and occupied as follows:-

20	at Preston-on-Tees
8	at Greatham
18	at Stillington
6	at Thorpe Thewles
2	at Aislaby

There were 32 private houses built during the year. Under the Housing Act, 1936, one house was closed, one statutory notice and twentyseven preliminary notices were served on owners to have defective houses rendered fit for habitation, all of which were complied with.

(c) WATER SAMPLES

A number of water samples were taken and all proved to be satisfactory.

(d) REGISTRATION OF SHOPS TO SELL ICE CREAM

A number of registrations to sell wrapped ice cream were made in the various villages.

(e) CAMP SITES

There were six sites used for camping purposes. The number of sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority under Section 269 Public Health Act, 1936, was nil, and the estimated number of campers resident during the summer season was 500.

(f) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Number of Council houses infested	-Nil
Number of other houses infested	-Nil
Number of houses disinfested	-Nil

(g) SEWAGE SCHEMES

The sewage works throughout the district functioned in a satisfactory manner, with the exception of that at Redmarshall where remedial action was pursued.

(h) SEWERS

During the year, 133 lineal yards of 9" diameter sewer and 69 lineal yards of 6" diameter sewer was laid in order to drain the Moorhouse Estate in to the existing sewer.

Several choked sewers were cleared and the systems flushed.

(i) PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Notices under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936, were served on several owners to have earth closets converted to the water carriage system; work is now in progress.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant

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